



"putting an end to pet homelessness"

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PROJECT CHIP'N INITIATIVE HELPS KEEP PETS SAFE

***OPIN, INC. TO HOLD 5TH FREE PET MICROCHIPPING CLINIC ON
SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2013***

Stamford, CT, May 2, 2013 – Outreach to Pets In Need will host another FREE HomeAgain® microchip clinic on Saturday, May 18, 2013. The 5th in an ongoing community outreach program, the clinic is open to the public and will run from 4pm–6pm, to be held at 22 Carter Street, New Canaan, CT (New Canaan Mounted Troop, NCMT), Merritt Parkway, exit 38. OPIN has already given away 314 free microchips since April 2012.

Local pet owners can have dogs and cats microchipped. There is absolutely NO cost to the owner and includes lifetime registration of the pet. Project Chip'n is just one of the many programs OPIN offers the public to support its mission of "putting an end to pet homelessness" through preventative programs. These free clinics will be held quarterly.

Cats must be in carriers and dogs on leashes. No appointment is needed. Lifetime registration into the national pet recovery database is included and processed by OPIN.

One in three pets will get lost. Without identification, 90 percent of these pets will not return home. A microchip is the only permanent form of identification that cannot be altered or removed. The procedure is simple and very similar to a routine shot. A chip, about the size of a grain of rice, is implanted by a veterinarian between the pet's shoulder blades just below the skin. The process takes a few seconds and no anesthetic is required. When a pet is found, a scanner is used to detect the presence of a microchip. Each chip has a unique number that corresponds with a database like HomeAgain, which contacts the owner. Every week we hear sad stories of lost pets. We're conducting this FREE microchip clinic to help people improve the odds of reuniting with their lost animals.

OPIN thanks the following for their time and commitment in bringing you this event: New Canaan Mounted Troop, Rippowam Animal Hospital, Kimberly MacDonald, DVM, and OPIN's dedicated volunteers.

OPIN is an all-volunteer, 501c3 registered nonprofit organization that has financially supported the Stamford Animal Shelter since 2007. To learn more about Outreach to Pets In Need visit, www.opinpets.org, email us at: Outreach@OPINpets.org or call Ali Girardi, Co-director at (203) 326-0216. For NCMT info: www.newcanaanmountedtroop.org/

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